

October 30, 1975

The Honorable John J. Moakley
238 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Moakley:

I had the pleasure of meeting you in September at the dinner honoring Congressman O'Neill for his work in behalf of the State of Israel.

At that time it was not appropriate for me to bring up the matter which is uppermost in the minds of all parents having children in the Boston Public Schools. I'm sure that you are cognizant of the situation that exists and the agonies both the children and the parents have gone through and will continue to go through until Congress will move and pass a Constitutional Amendment to do away with forced busing.

I have three school age children, one who is to graduate this year and because he was bussed to another school whose educational standards are far below what they should be due to the large number of blacks attending this school, he is not equipped to enter a college to further his education. My second son has been out of school since September with my sanction. He has not been bussed, but was placed in an "integrated" classroom - eighteen blacks and two whites. He is in his second year of junior high school, the 8th grade, and it was distressing for me to see the work that he brought home. He should be doing Basic Algebra and Geometry and his papers in Math were four column addition, subtraction and multiplication, work being done by 4th grade pupils in schools in other cities. When the principal was requested by me to change his classroom, his reply was "there is nothing that I can do".

The media are reporting only what they are told to report. They use one or two schools as their basis, but what about all the other incidents that are occurring but are not reported. White boys and girls being harassed in locker rooms and bathrooms. My third son will not use the boy's room at his school because too many of his friends have been molested there and belongings taken from them and bruises sustained by them.


Hon. John J. Moakley

How much Longer does this idiocy have to continue? We, the white citizens, have now become the minority in Boston and our voices are not being heard.

My dear Congressman, if you have any feeling for the parents and the children of Boston, will you please use whatever means necessary to get that Constitutional Amendment on to the floor of the House and push for the passing of same and also for a restraining order on the busing that now exists.

With many thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the people of Boston.

Cordially,



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December 1, 1975

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to our busing situation.

As you know, I am working to get a Constitutional Amendment on the House Floor. Congressman Alan Steelman and I are trying to round up more signatures for the Discharge Petition.

I deeply regret that our efforts in the Democratic Caucus were unsuccessful. I worked closely with Congressmen Teague and Milford to try to convince our Democratic colleagues that busing is unacceptable to the American people. The vote against us was 172 to 96.

Please be assured that I will continue to our efforts to bring Forced Busing to an end so that we can get on with educating our young people. Your letter is testimony to the tragic consequences which result from the follies of social planners.

I appreciate your letter and please know that I will continue in my efforts against Forced Busing.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress